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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2002,
please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 49, without prejudice.

Please add claims 50, 51, 52 and 53 as follows:

50. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide,
wherein said polypeptide has elongase activity and
comprises an amino acid sequence which is at least 70%
similar to the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID
NO:63.